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TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 6171
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AMEMBASSY VALETTA

C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 0429

VALETTA FOR MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, MOPS
SUBJECT: MILITARY ACTIVITY IN CHAD

REF: NDJAMENA 0413

1. SUBSEQUENT TO MY COMMENTS IN REFTTEL, I SAW FRENCH
AMBASSADOR WHO CONFIRMED THAT MALLOUM HAD ASKED PRESIDENT
GISCARD D'ESTAING FOR DIRECT FRENCH MILITARY INTERVENTION.
HE ADDED THAT SIMILAR REQUEST HAD BEEN SENT TO MOBUTO AND
PROBABLY SADAT.

2. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT REBELS WERE ALREADY WITHIN CONFINES
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OF FAYA LARGEAU, AND THAT HE DOUBTED IF GARRISON WOULD
HOLD OUT FOR LONG. HE CONFIRMED THAT FRENCH INVESTIGATIVE
TEAM HAD ESTABLISHED THIT SAM 9 MISSILES WERE USED IN
DOWNING OF TWO PLANES OVER THE WEEKEND, AND THAT THEY WERE
CONVINCED THAT REGULAR MILITARY, AS OPPOSED TO REBEL TRIBES-
MEN, WERE INVOLVED. HE ADDED AS AN ASIDE THAT TEAM EVEN
THOUGHT MILITARY MORE SOPHISTICATED THAN LIBYANS MIGHT BE

INVOLVED. IN VIEW OF PRESENCE OF SAM 9 MISSILES, FIGHTER-BOMBERS AND HELICOPTERS, AND TRANSPORT PLANES, WTE NOT BEING USED IN FAYA ENGAGEMENT. THIS IN ITSELF WOULD DOOM THE GARRISON AS ALL SUPPLY HAS BEEN BY AIR.

3. IN PASSING, AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT JUNE ATTACK ON BARDAI HAD BEEN IMMEDIATELY PRECEDED BY QADHAFI OFFER OF NEGOTIATIONS, AND THAT PRESENT ATTACK HAD LIKEWISE BEEN IMMEDIATELY PRECEDED BY NIAMEY OFFER TO MEET MALLOUM. HE SAID QADHAFI MADE 1941 JAPANESE LOOK LIKE PIKERS. BRADFORD

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